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1. (Currently Amended) A video camera having an approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

a display part of an approximately rectangular shape disposed on a side face of the video camera body and having a display plane to display a picked-up image; and

a moving member for enabling said display part to move between a first position in which said display part makes the picked-up image viewable and a second position in which said display part is stowed in the video camera body,

wherein, when said display part is in the second position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately parallel with said display plane and a major-side direction of said display part plane coincides with a major-side direction of the video camera body, and when said display part is in the first position, a minor-side direction of said display plane coincides with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

2. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 1, wherein, when said display part is in the first position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately perpendicular to a the display plane of said display part and a minor-side direction of said display part coincides with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

3. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 1, wherein, when said display part is in the first position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is

approximately parallel with ~~a~~ the display plane of said display part and a minor-side direction of said display part coincides with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

4. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 1, wherein a length in ~~a~~ minor-side direction of said display part in the direction parallel with a minor-side direction of said display plane is approximately equal to a length in a minor-side direction of the video camera body.

5. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:
a sound output means for outputting device which outputs a sound in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound output ~~means~~ device is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said ~~display part~~ video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

6. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:
a sound-volume adjusting means for adjusting device which adjusts volume of a sound outputted in company with display of a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said sound-volume adjusting ~~means~~ device is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said ~~display part~~ video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

7. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 1, further comprising:
an operation means device operable for displaying a reproduced image at said display part,

wherein said operation means device is disposed at a lower portion of the side face of said display part video camera body on which said display part is connected to the video camera body, and is arranged to be exposed outside when said display part is in the first position and to be covered by said display part when said display part is in the second position.

8. (Original) A video camera according to claim 1, wherein said moving member is connected to a minor side of said display part at a position which deviates from a center line of the minor side of said display part.

9. (Currently Amended) A video camera having approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape extending longer in a height direction of a body thereof in an image pickup state, said video camera comprising:

a display part of an approximately rectangular shape disposed on a side face of the video camera body to display a picked-up image, the side face of the video camera body is approximately parallel with an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body;

a first member for enabling said display part to rotate around a first shaft approximately parallel with an incident optical axis from a state where a major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with a major-side direction of the video camera body; and

a second member for enabling said display part to rotate around a second shaft perpendicular to the incident optical axis in such a state that said display part has rotated

approximately 90 degrees from the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body.

10. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 9, wherein said second member includes:

a rotating member disposed at a central portion of a side face along a minor side of said display part; and

a sliding member fixed to the video camera body and arranged to slide along a guide member of the side face of said display part.

11. (Original) A video camera according to claim 10, wherein said display part is made rotatable when said rotating member and said sliding member fittingly engage with each other.

12. (Currently Amended) A video camera according to claim 9, further comprising:

a ~~detection means for detecting~~ device which detects the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body; and

a ~~control means for causing~~ circuit which causes said display part to display an image with a minor-side direction of said display part put on a horizontal plane, when the state where the major-side direction of said display part is situated approximately parallel with the major-side direction of the video camera body is detected by said detection ~~means~~ device.

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21. (New) A video camera comprising:

a display part disposed on a side face of the video camera body and having a display plane to display a picked-up image; and

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a moving member for enabling said display part to move between a first position in which said display part makes the picked-up image viewable and a second position in which a side face of the display part on which the display plane is located comes to abut on the video camera body and said display part is stowed in the video camera body,

wherein, said moving member comprises a first member for enabling said display part to rotate around a first shaft from a state where said display part is first position, and a second member for enabling said display part to rotate around a second shaft different from said first shaft in such a state that said display part has rotated from the state where said display part is first position.

22. (New) A video camera according to claim 21, wherein said first shaft is approximately parallel with an incident optical axis and said second shaft is approximately perpendicular to the incident optical axis.